

TESTIMONY OF GANGSTERS 'FRAMED,' MRS. BECKER SAYS

Stories of Schepps, Webber and Others Worthless as Evidence Because Evidently Agreed On Beforehand, Defendant's Wife Declares.

Mrs. Charles Becker, the slight little woman with the quick, perceptive eyes and firm mouth, who has sat day after day in Justice Goff's court and heard the four witnesses, Rose, Webber, Vallon and Schepps, attempting to swear her husband's life away, still believes, as implicitly as she did before Lieut. Becker was put on trial, in the happy outcome of his ordeal.

To-day, in an interview with the reporters in attendance upon the trial, Mrs. Becker discussed at length her beliefs as to the weight of the testimony the State seeks to pile up against her husband.

"I am afraid I am not of a sentimental or romantic turn of mind," she said, "and that what I might have to say about the trial of my husband will not be of interest to any one. You see, I have carefully weighed the evidence as it has been given and though I may be said to have a bias—what wife wouldn't in similar circumstances—I think my opinion must be, in a great measure, the opinion of others who have followed the trial.

"The testimony of Rose, Vallon, Webber and Schepps, of course, did not surprise me. I had read so much of what they have already said in the newspapers that nothing new was developed by them, so far as I could see. I was quite prepared for what they said. They were to lie on the stand, I said. "I think the jury will find the testimony of Sam Schepps destroyed whatever value there might have been in the evidence given by the other three. Schepps was manifestly so eager to protect himself as to be led into a ridiculous position.

"It was, of course, to be expected that these four men would corroborate each other. They are actuated by the desire for life and liberty—the greatest spur in the world. They have had ample opportunity to confer together, with the aid of the keenest counsel, so that their stories will dovetail one into another. "But, by their admissions on the stand, their evidence is destroyed in

President Taft and His Extra Guards on Fifth Avenue

(Specially photographed to-day by an Evening World Photographer).



The President's car can be seen at the extreme left of the picture. It is surrounded by motorcycle policemen. The police guard extended for half a block before and after the auto. The advance guard—two motorcycle policemen—can be seen at the extreme right.

A. I do not think it is. "The paper was marked for identification, but not read, and a second document was handed him, on which he identified his signature. This, too, was marked for identification.

Q. Where did you get the paper on which you made the notes of the Becker-White conversation? A. In prison in the Tombs. (The paper on which the notes were made and the other paper on which Hallon was not sure of his signature, seemed identical in size and color.

Q. Did Becker speak to you in the Tombs and ask you 'what about that article in the newspapers?' A. No. Q. Did he ask whether you made a statement in the newspapers? A. No, sir. Q. Did you say to Becker that you overheard nothing and that you gave out no statement? A. I said part of that; part of it I did not.

Q. Did you say to Becker, 'If any statement such as that appears in the papers as having come from me it is not my statement?' A. I do not recall that conversation ever took place between Becker and myself.

Q. Did you say to Becker: 'Of course, this is utter nonsense. No such thing could be of use to any one. Some one is trying to injure you or me. As for myself, I have trouble enough of my own.' A. I made no such statement to Becker.

Q. Did you write such a communication to Becker? A. I did not. Q. Did you cause such a communication to be sent to Becker? A. No.

Q. How soon did you make your memorandum? A. Within an hour. Q. When Delaney Nicol was District Attorney, were you convicted of forgery in the second degree? A. I was not.

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With motorcycle policemen preceding, flanking and following his car and with an automobile load of Secret Service men and Central Office detectives trailing on behind, President Taft rode in record breaking time to-day from the Holland House to the Grand Central Station. He left the Holland House at 9:15 o'clock and at that moment the Boston Express, via Springfield, on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad was due to leave the Grand Central Station.

The train was held for nine minutes. In that period of time the President negotiated the distance between the Holland House and the Grand Central Station and made his way down through the passageways to the private car attached to the rear of the train.

Owing to the attempt on the life of Col. Roosevelt in Milwaukee extraordinary precautions were taken to protect President Taft during his stay in this city and the police officials heaved sighs of relief when he was gone.

The President breakfasted in the pub-

OPPOSE GERMAN OIL DEAL.

BEHLIN, Oct. 16.—Fear that the proposed petroleum monopoly under the auspices of the German government was a one-sided arrangement unduly favoring the interests of the Deutsche Bank was the cause of their refusal to enter the syndicate according to a statement authorized by the Dresdner Bank, the Disconto Gesellschaft and Bleichroeder Bank to-day.

The three banks declare it to be untrue that their refusal was inspired by their relations with the Standard Oil Company. On the contrary, they say they have offered to cancel their contracts with that concern and to enter the monopoly company and withdraw only when the syndicate refused to give the necessary guarantees for equality of treatment.

LOUISVILLE RESULTS. FIRST RACE—Purse \$50 for two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs—Jacob Bunn, 106 (Buxton) won; Prince Hermit, 115 (Ganz) second; Anna Reed, 109 (Oert), third. Time 1:06.55. All Block, The Grader, Luther, Scribble, Anon, World's Wonder and Cirrus also ran. Jacob Bunn, \$50.95; win; \$25 place; \$15.50 show; Prince Hermit, \$12.50; place; \$8.75 show; Anna Reed, \$9.90 show.

\$55,000 from "TAG DAY" (Chicago). CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—At the close last night of Chicago's annual "Tag Day" it was estimated that more than \$55,000 had been raised for the benefit of thirty-five children's charities of the city. About 3,700 women, stationed in every part of the city, sold during the day more than half a million tags.

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WIDOW OF ROSENTHAL SWEARS BECKER SAID RAID CANCELLED DEBT

that rate, with another day for argument, it will be Wednesday of next week before the case can go to the jury.

"I do not know even now whether I will put Lieut. Becker on the stand," said Mrs. Becker. "The court gave me time to decide that point a little later."

The first witness called after recess was James E. Hallon, a lawyer, who is serving a sentence in Sing Sing for swindling. Hallon was called to testify to a conversation he overheard while Hallon was a prisoner in the Tombs.

Q. By Mr. Moss—What is your name? A. James E. Hallon. Q. During last August were you in the Tombs? A. Yes.

Q. Did you meet Becker there? A. Yes. Q. Did you see Officer White when he was brought there? A. I did not know who the man was then. I simply heard his name.

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